***ACTION NAME: Strategic Changes to academic programs and teaching styles and methods***

***WHAT/DESCRIPTION***

1. Implicitly and explicitly include Theory of Knowledge concepts in every subject, encouraging and developing critical thinking skills.
2. Support students in need through coordination of the peer tutor programme.
3. Provide information for teachers on how they can support students in need of reinforcement in areas such as language development, time management, study skills and learning strategies.
4. Make better use of w3/w4 subject pages, providing online resources for students, peer tutors, and staff.
5. Pilot studies of on-line teaching (eg Physics)
6. Learn to make effective use of the Smart-board technology, taking advantage of opportunities to expand skills with colleagues and students.
7. Develop the teaching of Arabic as a beginners language

***MEASURABLE GOAL***

1. *Improvement in perceived relevance of ToK among students and assessment results.*
2. *Enhanced self Confidence among target group and improved overall performance. Monitored by advisors.*
3. *Production of shared documentation and availability – monitored by Education Committee.*
4. *Updating of files on w3 and from Jan 2011 on w4 – monitored by Academic Programs (APC) committee*
5. *Production of on-line Physics and Chemistry courses as pilot schemes.*
6. *All staff to be competent with smart board following training . Monitored by APC*

***TIMEFRAME AND MILESTONES***

*1,2,3,4, Ongoing process of training development and upgrading.*

*4 Launch of w4 complete with academic links- Jan 2011 in beta form*

*5 Smart-board competence by April 2011 for current staff.*

*7 Volunteers courses in 2010 – 2011. First IB class beginning 2012*

***RESPONSIBLE PERSONS***

All teachers –

Special responsibility for 5. (Chris Hamper and Ashok Singh)

***RESOURCES /COSTS /***

*Time – no need for special budget.*

*Possible need for investment in extra smart-boards*

***RELEVANT FOR:***

***To maintain the relevance of the academic curriculum.***

***To ensure that the RCNUWC model becomes more widely known.***